The Statewide Committee for Research honors Alaska's

Northern Innovators



Bernie Karl, proprietor of this sprawling yet cozy collection of cabins, warm pools and electrical outlets powered by temperature di erences in local water, addresses a roomful of Alaska teachers. He does not require a microphone.

"I've been blessed with a lot of energy," he says with volume that raises a few sleepy heads in a dining room at Chena Hot Springs Resort. "And I give it all away."

Karl, 60, wears a button-up dress shirt under a